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Park Board of Trustees
Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston
Parks and Amenities Advisory Committee

1/5/2023 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

This meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Committee Members present: Jason Hardcastle, Jason Worthen, Mary Branum, Anna Deichmann, Sam Malchir, Diane Olsen, Tony Pathyll, Alyson Poston (9:08 a.m.), and Joe Zdunek.

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

V. Requests To Address The Committee

There were no requests to address the committee.

VI. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mary Branum motioned to approve the minutes for the October 13, 2022, and December 1, 2022, Parks and Amenities Committee meetings.

Seconded: Diane Olsen seconded.

Vote: Approved (9-0)

VII. Presentation Of The Fiscal Year 2022 Parks Program (Nicole Charlebois, 15 Minutes)

Nicole Charlebois presented a summary of the Fiscal Year 2022 Parks Programs. Ms. Charlebois described the strides taken in 2022 park program development as foundational. During the season, twenty unique programs were hosted throughout four parks, Dellanera RV Park, Stewart Beach, Seawolf Park, and East Beach. From these twenty programs, sixty renditions were executed, and thirty-three community partners were engaged. Programs that were continuously mentioned include:

- Women in Coastal Science, a program to showcase women scientists that are tackling the challenges our coastal environment faces. This program was well received by the Galveston community and won the Houston-Galveston Parks and Natural Areas Award in the programming category.
- In partnership with the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network and the Park Board, Dolphin Days was hosted 3 separate times at Seawolf Park. This program provided marine mammal education to park visitors in an interactive format.

VIII. Update On Park Revenues And Key Performance Indicators (Corey Holcomb, 10 Minutes)

Corey Holcomb reviewed the revenues and key performance indicators for the parks as of December 18, 2022. Due to multiple factors, Dellanera RV Park, Seawolf Park, Urban Park, and East Beach did not meet their actual budgeted revenues. This was attributed to the colder weather in November and December as well as the Nourishment Project taking place on the beachfront of Dellanera RV Park. As of December 31, 2022, Dellanera RV Park was able to acquire additional revenue placing the park's budget \$25,000 over the budgeted camping revenue.

IX. Update From Staff Regarding City Direction On The Development Of Stewart Beach And Seawolf Park (Vince Loreffice, 15 Minutes)

Vince Loreffice provided an update on the Seawolf Park Request for Information (RFI) and the Stewart Beach Request for Qualifications (RFQ). As of January 5, 2023, the Park Board provided the City of Galveston with both the RFI and RFQ for review before the official release, which is expected on January 9, 2023. If they are released on January 9th, Mr. Loreffice estimates that the Parks and Amenities Committee, The Park Board of Trustees and City Council will receive the Seawolf Park RFI bids and Stewart Beach RFQ bids for review by March 2023.

X. 2022-2023 Committee Work Plan

Parks and Amenities Chair, Jason Hardcastle anticipates a meeting in February may be necessary in order to provide timely updates to the committee.

XI. Future Agenda Items

Parks and Amenities Vice Chair, Jason Worthen requested the Park Board consider developing a 5-year Master Plan for Seawall Urban Park.

XII. Announcements

Anna Deichmann announced that the Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council will be hosting free East End Lagoon Nature Trail Walks on January 11th at 2:00 p.m. and February 1st at 2:00 p.m. After February, each walk is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of the month March – December.

Washed Ashore is on the island until March 5th. The committee was encouraged to visit visitgalveston.com/washedashore to learn about how Galveston's residents and visitors can engage with this traveling art exhibit.

The Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network's Dolphin Discovery Zone will be out at Seawolf Park on January 28th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The committee was encouraged to visit the park and learn a bit about TMMSN and its mission.

This year 11 museums, including the Galveston Naval Museum are participating in Galveston Museum Day on January 28th and 29th.

XIII. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.